

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An Internet-based shipping management computer system, said Internet-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one Internet-accessible server computer programmed, alone or in conjunction with one or more server computers, to:

receive from a client computer through an Internet-access by said client computer of said Internet-based shipping management computer system, a request by a particular user to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising a first address, a second address, parcel information, and an indication of a shipping date; and

in response to the request, determine a simultaneous potential ~~cross-comparison~~ delivery schedule and shipment rate cross-comparison, said simultaneous cross-comparison delivery schedule and shipment rate cross-comparison comprising a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedules and corresponding shipping rates to ship the particular respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the parcel information and according to the indication of the shipping date, each respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule and corresponding shipping rate corresponding to a respective particular delivery service of a plurality of delivery services offered by a respective particular carrier of a plurality of carriers that would ship the particular respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the parcel information and the indication of the shipping date, each respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule and corresponding shipping rate comprising an indication of a respective calendar delivery date and a respective delivery time for a corresponding respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by a corresponding respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers to deliver the particular respective

parcel from the first address to the second address according to the indication of the shipping date, said simultaneous potential ~~cross-comparison~~ delivery schedule and shipment rate cross-comparison comprising a respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule and corresponding shipping rate for each respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by each respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that would deliver the particular respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the indication of the shipping date; and

in further response to the request, generate an online interactive prompt for display to a display monitor configured with said client computer, said online interactive prompt comprising an interactive, two-dimensional, graphic cross-comparison display of each of said respective shipping rates for each said particular delivery service, said interactive, two-dimensional, graphic cross-comparison display of each of said respective shipping rates graphically corresponding to a display of a corresponding graphic indication of the respective calendar delivery date and the respective delivery time corresponding to the respective delivery schedule for the respective particular delivery service to deliver the particular respective parcel, said interactive, two-dimensional, graphic cross-comparison display of each of said respective shipping rates configured to display each respective shipping rate as an interactive field, each said interactive field configured for receiving a selection by the particular user of said respective shipping rate and further configured for responding to said selection with generating a shipping label for print rendering using a print rendering device in communication with said client computer, said shipping label corresponding with shipment of the particular respective parcel using a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier associated with said respective shipping rate.

Claims 2-3 Cancelled.

4. (Currently Amended) A method using an Internet-based computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, said Internet-based computer system comprising at least one server computer device,

the method comprising:

using the Internet-based computer system, receiving from a client computer through an Internet-access by said client computer of said Internet-based computer system, a delivery schedule information request by a particular user, said delivery schedule information request comprising a first postal code, a second postal code, parcel information and an indication of a shipping date; and

in response to the delivery schedule information request, using the Internet-based computer system to determine~~[[ing]]~~ ~~a simultaneous potential cross-comparison delivery schedule and shipment rate cross-comparison~~, said simultaneous potential ~~cross-comparison~~ delivery schedule and shipment rate cross-comparison comprising a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedules and corresponding shipping rates for a respective shipment from the respective first postal code to the respective second postal code according to the parcel information and according to the indication of the shipping date, each respective service-specific, carrier specific delivery schedule and corresponding shipping rate corresponding to a particular delivery service of a plurality of services offered by each carrier of a plurality of carriers that would ship the particular respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the parcel information and the indication of the shipping date, each respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule and corresponding shipping rate comprising an indication of a respective calendar delivery date and a respective delivery time for a corresponding respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by a corresponding respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers to deliver the particular respective parcel from the first postal code to the second postal code according to the indication of the shipping date, said simultaneous potential ~~cross-comparison~~ delivery schedule and shipment rate cross-comparison comprising a respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule and corresponding shipping rate for each respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by each respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that would deliver the particular respective parcel from the first postal code to the second postal code according to the indication of the shipping date; and

in further response to the delivery schedule information request, using the Internet-based computer system to generate an online interactive prompt for display to a display monitor configured with said client computer, said online interactive prompt comprising an interactive, two-dimensional, graphic cross-comparison display of each of said respective shipping rates for each said particular delivery service, said interactive, two-dimensional, graphic cross-comparison display of each of said respective shipping rates graphically corresponding to a display of a corresponding graphic indication of the respective calendar delivery date and the respective delivery time corresponding to the respective delivery schedule for the respective particular delivery service to deliver the particular respective parcel, said interactive, two-dimensional, graphic cross-comparison display of each of said respective shipping rates configured to display each respective shipping rate as an interactive field, each said interactive field configured for receiving a selection by the particular user of said respective shipping rate and further configured for responding to said selection with generating a shipping label for print rendering using a print rendering device in communication with said client computer, said shipping label corresponding with shipment of the particular respective parcel using a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier associated with said respective shipping rate.

Claims 5-9 Cancelled.

10. (Currently Amended) An Internet-based shipping management computer system configured, said Internet-based shipping management computer system comprising at least one Internet-accessible server computer programmed, alone or in conjunction with one or more server computers, for:

facilitating a user to access said Internet-based shipping management computer system using a client computer and to request a package delivery service by providing shipping specifications to ship a particular parcel, said shipping specifications comprising parcel information, a first address, a second address, and an indication of a shipping date;

receiving said shipping specifications from said user;

identifying, from a plurality of carriers, a subset of carriers based on said shipping specifications, each of said subset of carriers being identified as capable of satisfying said shipping specifications by providing said package delivery service to said user;

identifying a first carrier from said subset of carriers and a first set of shipment types provided by said first carrier;

determining a first set of delivery schedules according to which said first carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications, each one of said first set of delivery schedules corresponding to at least one of said first set of shipment types and comprising a calendar delivery date and a delivery time;

calculating a first set of service charges by said first carrier, each one of said first set of service charges calculated based upon at least one of said first set of shipment types provided by said first carrier;

identifying a second carrier from said subset of carriers and a second set of shipment types provided by said second carrier;

determining a second set of delivery schedules that said second carrier is capable of providing to said user, each one of said second set of delivery schedules corresponding to at least one of said second set of shipment types and comprising a calendar delivery date and a delivery time;

calculating a second set of service charges by said second carrier, each one of said second set of service charges calculated based upon at least one of said second set of shipment types provided by said second carrier;

simultaneously displaying to ~~the user~~ a display monitor configured with said client computer, a[n] dynamically configured, two-dimensional interactive prompt comprising said first set of delivery schedules, an interactive display of said first set of service charges, said first set of shipment types, said second set of delivery schedules, an interactive display of said second set of service charges, and said second set of shipment types, said dynamically configured, two-dimensional interactive prompt configured to indicate for each shipment type for a corresponding carrier of the subset of carriers, a corresponding service charge with a graphic association of an indication of a corresponding calendar delivery date and a delivery time, said dynamically configured, two-dimensional interactive prompt configured to display each respective

~~service charge as an interactive field for receiving a user's selection of one of said first set of a particular respective service charge[[s]] or said second set of service charges and for responding to the user's selection by facilitating shipment of the particular parcel using a particular shipment type offered by a particular carrier associated with a service charge associated with the user's selection.~~

Claims 11-12 Cancelled.

13. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 10, wherein said first set of shipment types comprise ground shipment, next-day-air shipment and express shipment.

Claims 14-18 Cancelled.

19. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 10, wherein said first set of delivery schedules comprises:

 a delivery schedule according to which said first carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via a first shipment type; and

 a delivery schedule according to which said first carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via a second shipment type, said second shipment type being different from said first shipment type.

20. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 19, wherein said second set of delivery schedules comprises:

 a delivery schedule according to which said second carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via said first shipment type.

21. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 20, wherein said second set of delivery schedules further comprises:

 a delivery schedule according to which said second carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via said second shipment type.

Claims 23-24 Cancelled.

24. (New) The Internet-based shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said at least one Internet-accessible server computer further programmed, alone or in conjunction with one or more server computers, to:

 dynamically configure said online interactive prompt to present calendar delivery dates and delivery times corresponding to each said respective particular delivery service offered by each said corresponding respective particular carrier that would deliver the particular respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the indication of the shipping date.

25. (New) The Internet-based shipping management computer system of Claim 1, wherein said online interactive prompt is configured for:

 receiving an indication by the particular user of a selection of a particular respective shipping rate; and

 responding to the indication by the particular user of the selection of the particular respective shipping rate with a printing of a shipping label for shipment of the particular respective parcel using a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier associated with the particular respective shipping rate and the corresponding respective calendar delivery date and respective delivery time.

26. (New) The method of Claim 4, the method further comprising:

 using the Internet-based computer system, dynamically configure said online interactive prompt to present calendar delivery dates and delivery times corresponding to each said respective particular delivery service offered by each said corresponding respective particular carrier that would deliver the particular respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the indication of the shipping date.

27. (New) The method of Claim 4, the method further comprising:

 using the Internet-based computer system, receive an indication by the particular user of a selection of a particular respective shipping rate; and

using the Internet-based computer system, respond to the indication by the particular user of the selection of the particular respective shipping rate with a printing of a shipping label for shipment of the particular respective parcel using a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier associated with the particular respective shipping rate and the corresponding respective calendar delivery date and respective delivery time.

28. (New) The Internet-based shipping management computer system of Claim 10, said at least one Internet-accessible server computer further programmed, alone or in conjunction with one or more server computers, for:

responding to the user's selection by facilitating shipment of the particular parcel using a particular shipment type offered by a particular carrier associated with the particular respective service charge associated with the user's selection.

29. (New) A method using an Internet-based computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, said Internet-based computer system comprising at least one server computer device, the method comprising:

using the Internet-based computer system, dynamically configure an online interactive prompt to present a plurality of shipping rates, wherein each display of a shipping rate is configured to function as an interactive prompt for printing a shipping label for a corresponding delivery service offered by a corresponding carrier, wherein each shipping rate display is configured to be graphically displayed with a graphic association with a corresponding calendar delivery date and a corresponding delivery time by which the corresponding delivery service offered by the corresponding carrier would deliver a particular parcel from a first location to a second location according to an indication of a shipping date; and

using the Internet-based computer system, display said online interactive prompt to a display monitor configured with a client computer.

30. (New) The method of Claim 29, said method further comprising:

using the Internet-based computer system, receive a selection of a particular shipping rate by a user as a selection of the corresponding delivery service offered by the corresponding carrier to deliver the particular parcel.

31. (New) The method of Claim 30, said method further comprising:

using the Internet-based computer system, generate a shipping label for shipping the particular parcel using the corresponding delivery service offered by the corresponding carrier.

32. (New) The method of Claim 31, said method further comprising:

using the Internet-based computer system, facilitate printing of the shipping label at a print-rendering device configured for communication with said client computer.